

Intro questions

Which features are positive? Which are negative?

What makes a characteristic positive?

Which are desirable? Why?

Main questions

Can the same characteristic be positive and negative? (certain people?, time and place?, cultural context?)

What makes a characteristic positive sometimes and negative others?

Can personal characteristics change? Can you become loud if you're quiet, shy if you're not...etc

OR

Are aspects of our personality more like skin color (determined by genetics)

OR

Are aspects of our personality more like height and weight (predisposed but affected by environment)

How do we know someone's character?

Can you tell something about someone's character from the "outside"? from their body?

Evaluate:

Is it fair to separate "body" and "personality" as categories of description?

Can we change our personality traits?

Assuming we can change, are we obligated to assume positive characteristics?

Where/ how do we learn what is positive and what is negative?

Answers from-Arab tradition - Classical tradition

How can we become what is positive?